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TRADE IS UNSTEADY.

FLUCTUATIONS IN IRON AND STEEL THE CAUSE.

Some Steel Factories Idle While Most Textile Industries Remain Busy—Record-Breaking Mark of March Exports—Goes Twenty-Five Years in Prison.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "The normal reduction of \$5 per ton in prices of plates and bars and the closing of mills by the American Steel and Wire Company have filled this week with surprises. In the stock market and in the market for steel and iron products changes have begun, the end of which cannot well be foreseen. Apart from the disturbance in speculation, there has been produced a measure of distrust regarding prices. There is a slightly better demand for hives at Chicago, attributed to their improving condition, but the distribution of boots and shoes does not keep all the factories at work. The textile industries have large orders yet to be filled which keep many of the mills busy. Wool has been inactive without change in prices. Cotton goods are by some sold at concessions for future delivery. The value of the domestic exports, chiefly manufactured, rose to \$50,793,569 in March, a sum never approached in any other month. Failures for the week have been 184 in the United States, against 184 last year, and 17 in Canada, against 22 last year."

PRISON FOR MAN OF SCHEMES.

Actor Who Put Troupe on Road by "Hold-Up" Sentenced.

C. E. Morehead, an actor, who last winter "held up" two restaurants and a saloon in the center of the business district of Kansas City single-handed, in order to get money sufficient to put his company on the road, was found guilty in the Circuit Court there and given a sentence of twenty-five years in the penitentiary. He pleaded insanity. Morehead was one of the prime promoters of the Topolampopo co-operative colonization idea and he originated a scheme to dam the Missouri river at Bismarck, S. D., and to divert the entire flow of waters into a gigantic ditch that would flow southward through Nebraska and Kansas and have lateral ditches that would irrigate the whole of the western part of those States.

STARTS FIRE TO PLAY HERO.

Man Who Rewards Kindness by Burning a Home Pleads Guilty.

In the District Court at Atchison, Kan., Thomas C. Woernman pleaded guilty to the charge of burning the costly residence of J. C. Fox, a prominent citizen, and was sentenced to serve eighteen years in the penitentiary. He admitted that the Fox family had been very good to him and that he set fire to the house in order to play the part of hero by rescuing the family and thereby make his name known. He said that his kindness had been bestowed worthily.

Officer Shoots a Burglar.

Marshall Porter discovered a burglar in the McConnellville, Ohio, National Bank. He refused to surrender and drew a revolver, when Porter fired, striking him in the left side, the ball ranging along in the left side, inflicting a fatal wound. After being shot the burglar walked over to the window through which the shot was fired and gave up his revolver and surrendered to the marshal.

Three Killed in Explosion.

The packing house of the Ajax dynamite works, near Kawkawlin, Mich., was blown up, killing three men. Their bodies were torn to shreds, only enough being found to fill a bushel basket. Great trees were uprooted or torn to splinters and houses and stores in the vicinity were wrecked by the force of the explosion.

Leaps from High Bridge to Die.

The second woman to leap from the Brooklyn bridge is Marie Rosalie Dinse. She jumped and was but slightly injured. She remained unconscious four hours and then, in a hysterical manner, told a story of financial difficulties.

St. Louis Hopes for Big Plant.

It is rumored in St. Louis business circles that P. D. Armour & Co. are backing the whole purchase of real estate surrounding the old Union stock yards there, with the view of establishing an immense packing plant.

More Trouble for the British.

Three hundred Nigerian troops have been dispatched overland to the Gambia country, northwest of Ashanti, West Africa, where the British resident reports a recrudescence of the troubles which necessitated the expedition of last year.

Newspaper Office Is Burned.

The plant of the St. Louis Chronicle, occupying the three and four-story buildings at 14 to 18 North Sixth street, St. Louis, was practically destroyed by a fire. The fire is supposed to have originated in the boiler room.

Schley to Rank Sampson.

The stricken Rear Admiral Sampson and Schley are settled. Schley taking precedence over Sampson and to rank next to Dewey.

Colorado Fruit Damaged.

The damage to fruit trees near Canyon City, Colo., from the late heavy storm and frosts is estimated at \$500,000.

Serious Fire in Lewistown.

Fire destroyed ten buildings in the business portion of Lewistown, Me., causing a loss of \$50,000.

Shot Dead in His Doorway.

William Long was called to the door at his home, near Tracy City, Tenn., and shot dead. The affair is shrouded in mystery. This is the eighth murder in the Tracy City section within the last year, and not one of the murderers has been apprehended.

Colonel Colson Not Guilty.

Ex-Congressman David G. Colson, who has been on trial at Frankfort, Ky., for the murder of Lieut. Ethelbert Scott and Luther W. Demaree, was acquitted by the verdict of the jury.

Was a Friend of Lincoln.

Sullivan M. Cutcheon, ex-Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives and prominent in local business circles, died at his residence in Detroit, aged 67 years. While superintendent of schools at Pittsfield, Ill., in 1858 he became an intimate friend of President Lincoln.

Mate Wrecks Fast Freight.

A through freight train on the Southern Railway struck a male and was wrecked while running at full speed near Hartsdale, Ala. The engineer, Percy A. Strong, and the fireman, Randy Osborne, were killed and five of the train's crew were seriously injured.

WILL EXPLORER SIBERIA.

Three Scientists Sent by American Museum of Natural History.

Three scientists, comprising the Jensen expedition sent out by the American Museum of Natural History of New York to explore the unknown portions of north-west Siberia, have sailed from San Francisco. They are Norman C. Buxton, an American, and two Russians, Waldemar Gogor and Waldemar Jackelson. One object of their trip will be to determine whether or not the American Indian is descended from Asiatic stock. The Russians will touch mainly upon the ethnological phase, studying the native language and songs, customs and physical characteristics of almost every tribe that inhabits the northeastern section of Siberia. Buxton will confine his work mainly to the zoological field, toward making a new and rare collection of birds and mammals for the big museum in Central Park. They expect to be gone for at least two years.

ULTIMATUM FOR TURKEY.

Will Be Sent Unless the United States Is Paid at Once.

Diplomatic relations between the United States and Turkey are strained to the breaking point because of the Sultan's bad faith. "An ultimatum from Washington to Constantinople is a probability in the near future. The United States charge d'affaires at Constantinople will be directed to inform the Sultan that this Government must insist on the payment, without further delay, of the \$100,000 indemnity for outrages on American missionaries and the destruction of their property. Only prompt action on the Sultan's part can avert the ultimatum. These claims were fully recognized as valid by Turkey more than five years ago. They have been made the subject of diplomatic representations successively by Ministers Terrell, Angell and Straus.

ROBS AN AGED WOMAN.

Young Man Gets Her to Mortgage Her Home and Takes the Money.

W. R. Brooks, a young man, who has been boarding at the home of Mrs. Sarah Keller in Shelby, Ohio, has disappeared from the city, taking with him \$225, which belonged to the aged lady. Mrs. Keller is a widow and is nearly 80 years of age. Brooks is a young man of 25 and has been boarding at the Keller home. He worked into the good graces of the aged woman, induced her to mortgage her home, secured the money and disappeared. In order to secure the money Brooks told Mrs. Keller that an addition ought to be built to the house. It would be necessary to give to him a bill of sale company a mortgage on the property. This Mrs. Keller consented to do, and Brooks volunteered to act as her agent.

MURDER ENDS PRACTICAL JOKE.

Youth Is Killed by Father of His Younger Victim.

In Baltimore John V. Niedhart's practical joke formed a boomerang which resulted in his own death and landed his victim in jail on the charge of murder. Niedhart, who was 18 years old, prepared a pipe load of mixed tobacco and gunpowder, which he handed to Charles M. Drebing, who is 15 years old. The explosion seriously burned Drebing, who became angry and quarreled with Niedhart. Drebing's father joined the quarrel. Finally Drebing picked up a piece of scuttling and struck Niedhart with it. The youth never recovered consciousness and died.

Famous Zinc Mine Is Sold.

The noted Rubber Neck zinc mine at Joplin, Mo., has been sold to an English syndicate. The consideration was \$300,000. This makes an investment of \$800,000 for this syndicate within a week. It is rumored that the syndicate has a capital of \$10,000,000 back of it, and will endeavor to develop the mine and take control of the big producing mines of the Missouri-Kansas district.

Large Gifts for Church Extension.

Easter gifts aggregating \$30,000 donated for the work of church extension were announced at York, Pa., by General Secretary Rev. H. H. Weber of the board of church extension of the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These gifts are in the shape of special loan funds, just founded, and are to be used exclusively in territory west of the Mississippi river.

Severed Matrimony's Chain.

At Lancaster, Ohio, Julius Cain, jealous of his wife, went to a brook near his house, and in six inches of water buried his face. He remained on his stomach until suffocated. When found his clothing was dry and his head was not covered by water.

Death Ends Swift Divorce.

At Lancaster, Ohio, the divorce case of Moses Swift against Martha Swift was to be heard and the defendant had arrived from Chicago to fight the case. The next morning the plaintiff died, with the defendant on her knees at his bedside praying for his restoration.

Armament for Sweden.

The Swedish riksdag has voted 3,000,000 kroner for armament and ships, 12,000,000 for new field artillery, \$20,000 for volunteer associations, and has agreed to increase the new naval construction for 1901 to 1,725,000 kroner.

Mississippi Crops Damaged.

Belated dispatches from several sections of Mississippi indicate that the three days' flood caused damage greatly in excess of the first estimates, especially to growing crops. Many truck plantations will be almost completely destroyed.

Dr. Faye Walker Resigns.

Rev. Faye Walker, D. D., who for several years has been president of Oxford, Ohio, College, formerly Oxford Female College, has presented his resignation to the board of trustees, and it has been accepted.

W. F. Miller Found Guilty.

William F. Miller of the Franklin syndicate was convicted in Brooklyn of grand larceny on the indictment charging him with having taken \$1,000 from Hattie Moser under false pretenses and with the design of robbing her.

Fire in Mattress Factory.

Fire caused a loss of about \$75,000 in the big mattress and iron bed factory of Charles H. Rogers & Co. in New York. The fire was discovered in the cellar near the engine room.

Five Injured by a Tornado.

Five people are injured, one fatally, and considerable property was damaged by a tornado that passed just west of Concordia, Mo.

Base-Ball Season Opens.

The baseball season of 1900 opened Thursday. Teams of the two big leagues of the country—the National and American—are lined up for the struggle.

Turned Jerry Down.

The Populist district convention at Wichita, Kan., refused to endorse Jerry Simpson for the United States Senate. The vote was 68 for and 150 against.

Noted Piano Maker Is Dead.

Napoleon J. Hansen, aged 76 years, founder of the piano firm of Hansen & Brothers, died suddenly in New York, of apoplexy.

Tourage Law Is Held Valid.

An important decision of the Ohio Supreme Court was handed down in the "Click" Mitchell lynching case brought

up from Urbana. It holds the statute for the suppression of mob violence to be constitutional. The law was written by Albin W. Tourage, the well-known jurist and novelist, and provides that counties which permit mob violence shall be liable for the damage to life and property resulting.

WHAT VANDERBILT LEFT.

Cornelius' Estate Is Appraised at About \$60,000,000.

The appraised valuation of the estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt amounts to \$60,000,000. Exclusive of the real estate, which is held in trust for Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, the valuation of properties calculated from the amount of inheritance tax is only \$52,000,000. This inheritance tax amounts to \$320,272, which has been paid. This sum represents what was the property of Cornelius Vanderbilt in New York, but does not include the transfer tax on the \$5,000,000 left to Cornelius Vanderbilt by his father, William H. Vanderbilt, with power of appointment. The estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt was supposed to have been worth at least \$125,000,000.

THOUSANDS OF JAPS COMING.

Oriental Landing at Puget Sound in Unprecedented Numbers.

The present importation of Japanese to Puget sound has reached unprecedented figures and thousands more of the subjects of the Mikado are now about headed this way. During the month of April 3,500 Japanese have been landed in Puget sound and British Columbia and the most of them landed in the latter port fully two-thirds find their way across the border. The reason for the present rash is that the Japanese are leaving their native land in consequence of the reported imminence of war between Japan and Russia and that the closing of the gates of Hawaii has diverted the stream of Japanese this way.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL ASSURED.

J. S. Calver of Springfield Will Erect Nancys Hanks Monument.

Gov. James A. Mount and the Indiana apolis members of the Nancy Hanks Memorial Association met the Spencer County Commissioners and the citizens of Rockport and Lincoln. The latter place is the site of the proposed monument. The purchase of sixteen acres of original forest surrounding the grave of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. The county will purchase the land and the association will then ask the next Legislature to appropriate a sufficient amount to park the group. J. S. Calver, of Springfield, Ill., agrees to erect a monument on condition that the Nancy Hanks Monument Association will help it repaid.

Officials Are Held Responsible.

At Lima, Ohio, the Circuit Court has affirmed the verdict of a judgment of \$18,000 and interest against N. L. Michael, V. P. and Gus Kalb, officials of the American National Bank at the time it was robbed of the money a year ago. The stockholders brought suit to recover the money so mysteriously stolen, alleging negligence upon the part of the officials.

Unveiling of Bartholdi Statue.

Bartholdi's statue of Washington and La Fayette, the gift of Charles Broadway Roush to the city of New York, was unveiled with fitting ceremonies in Lafayette square in the presence of more than 3,000 people. Gen. Horatio C. King made the presentation speech.

Dr. Hillis' Name Off the Lists.

Newell Dwight Hillis is no longer a member of the Chicago presbytery or the Presbyterian Church. The name of the Brooklyn preacher, who renounced the confession of faith of that church, has been erased from the role of the presbytery.

Four Burned to Death.

A large tenement house occupied by Italian and negro families near Rockpoint, Pa., was destroyed by fire. David Abiate, an old man, and his three young nephews, Joseph, Pastelle and Edwin Abiate, were burned to death.

Armour & Co. Dissolved.

After being in existence nearly forty years the firm of Armour & Co. of Chicago has been dissolved, and the vast interests of the firm pass to the hands of the new corporation of Armour & Co.

Jennie O'Neill Potter Is Dead.

Jennie O'Neill Potter, the well-known dictionist, died at St. Louis hospital. She was 82 years old. She was born in Patch Grove, Wis.

China Protects Christians.

The Chinese Government has issued an edict directing all viceroys and governors to warn armed organizations that they must refrain from acts of hostility toward native Christians.

Twenty-four Persons Drowned.

The French fishing boat Hoche has foundered off Crookhaven, Ireland, in a storm, twenty-four persons being drowned.

Alaskan Commissioner Nominated.

The President has nominated Hiram H. Polson of Alaska to be a commissioner in and for the district of Alaska, to reside at Juneau.

Cigarmakers Are Locked Out.

In New York 5,000 cigarmakers were locked out by six large firms.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 40c; rye, No. 2, 25c to 28c; No. 2, 71c to 75c; corn, No. 2, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 12c; potatoes, choice, 20c to 35c per bushel.
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 75c; corn, No. 2, white, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2, white, 20c to 30c.
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 75c; corn, No. 2, yellow, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c.
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 42c to 45c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 61c.
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 75c; corn, No. 2, yellow, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2, white, 21c to 31c; rye, 40c to 62c.
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2, mixed, 72c to 75c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c; clover seed, \$4.80 to \$4.90.
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2, northern, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 3, 30c to 40c; oats, No. 2, white, 20c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 59c; barley, No. 2, 42c to 44c; pork, mess, 12.75 to 13.25.
Butte—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$6.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.75; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$7.75.
New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 47c to 48c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 33c; rye, 47c to 48c; eggs, 15c to 16c; eggs, western, 12c to 14c.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Idema Is Inmate—Fire Stayed by Blow Up a Building—Young Babe Found on Railroad Track—Two Men Killed by Boiler Explosion.

A Port Angeles, Wash., dispatch says Francis Herman Idema was adjudged insane there. He arrived direct from Chicago. He belongs to a prominent family residing in that city. He is first lieutenant and adjutant of the Thirty-fifth regiment, Michigan volunteers, on the staff of Gen. Young. His queer actions were noted upon his arrival. They culminated when he became infuriated with an estimate young lady he chanced to pass on the street. Next day he posed marriage to her. He sent her a huge bouquet, for which he scoured the whole town. He invited amorous verses to her and dogged her footsteps until some action became imperative. One of the examining physicians, Dr. Appleton, knew his relatives in Michigan and he telegraphed them.

Dynamite Saves a Village.

Dynamite saved Sidway, a village of 600 inhabitants, from destruction. Fire started in a newspaper office and burned that and the building adjacent and threatened to sweep down the town's single street. All the buildings are of wood and Sidway has no fire engine and the loss of the town seemed certain until a two-story building which was next to the track of the fire was blown up with dynamite. The fire failed to jump the space thus created and the town was saved. The total loss is between \$4,000 and \$5,000, with little or no insurance.

Crosswell Warehouse Burned.

The large storage shed of the Livingstone Flax Co., located in Crosswell, burned with its contents, about 200 tons of hay and a quantity of tow. Owing to a strong wind which was blowing the fire spread rapidly and the flames and tops of houses adjacent were often on fire. Loss about \$3,000, with small insurance.

Attempt at Child Murder.

A baby a few days old, wrapped in white flannel, was found lying on the railroad track near Coloma by P. H. Huggins, Jr., a laboring man, who was on his way home from work. The child's head was placed on one of the rails, showing a clear intention to have the child killed by a passenger train which swept past soon after the body was found.

Fire Does \$10,000 Damage.

Fire broke out in the big stock of the Fred Macy Furniture Co. at Grand Rapids and did \$10,000 worth of damage. The shipping clerk was in one of the stock rooms with a lighted taper when there was an explosion, probably from unused gas, and the whole place was afire. It is fully insured.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

The boiler in John E. Riter's sawmill at the hamlet of Sylvester exploded, killing David Zimmerman, aged 70, and Jas. Moffitt, aged 25. Oscar Zimmerman, a spectator, was severely injured. The mill was demolished. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Life Had No Charm for Him.

John Harrevorts, a Grand Rapids grocer, 37 years old, was found dead in his room at the rear of the store. His wife had left him and he was despondent, and it is believed he committed suicide.

State News in Brief.

Port Huron ice companies have raised this season's rate \$1.

Calhoun County school officers have formed an association.

Battle Creek claims to have been the home of seventy-nine authors.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Booth of Eau Claire celebrated their golden wedding.

The total assessment of Port Huron as fixed by the board of review is \$7,000,000.

Harry C. Hyer was sentenced to thirty days in jail at Charlotte for jumping a board bill.

Mrs. Eliza Minock of Fenton has been granted a divorce from John K. Minock. She also secures liberty of the press.

Orville Briggs, a Kalamazoo township farmer, accidentally shot himself while hunting, and is dead from his injuries.

Hiram Taylor was arrested at Owosso charged with attempting to wreck a Michigan Central train near Henderson. He confessed.

Christian and Henry Matthews, Harry and Wm. Kruse and Wm. and Fred Kracht have left Macomb County for the Cape Nome gold fields.

The Franklin cheese factory operated by Geo. M. Narveria netted its patrons the past year 82 cents more per 100 pounds of milk than ever before.

Henry Quirk, a well-known farmer living a mile east of Cassopolis, fell from the loft of his barn and broke his neck, dying instantly. He was 70 years old.

At Westphal while burning some rubbish the clothing of Mrs. Elizabeth Hale caught fire and she was burned to death. She was 67 years old and lived alone.

Miss Mamie Mills and Carl W. Jones of Spokane, Wash., were married at Frank R. Mills, a well-known actor now in London.

The residence of J. A. Scripture of Acme burned. Fire was caused by a defective chimney. Loss \$800, no insurance.

Dr. Toyama, the first Japanese student graduated from the University of Michigan, died in Japan. He graduated in 1876. He had been one of the most prominent men in Japan, having served in the imperial university as professor of sociology, dean of the literary department and finally president.

The strike of the Franklin Mining Co.'s 100 miners at the Junior mines has been settled and the miners have returned to work.

Battle Creek sportsmen have organized a game club and leased 3,000 acres of land in Leroy township for game preserves, which will be kept stocked with all sorts of small game.

Dr. J. B. Hulst, son-in-law of Vice Consul John Stikette at Grand Rapids, may go to the Transvaal as a representative of Hollanders in Michigan, to personally ascertain the situation there and the need of relief for sufferers.

A. R. Kean, Sr., of Port Huron has been in the service of the Grand Trunk Railway for forty-one years.

William Holdridge, aged 20 years, a well-known young man, died of cholera of disease contracted at Camp Alger during the Spanish-American war.

The demand for nursery stock is unparalleled in the history of the industry, and it is questionable if the supply is anywhere near adequate to the market.

Monroe has for many years been considered one of the greatest nursery centers of the United States, but at no time in the past has the volume of business reached within 50 per cent of its present proportions.

A CHATELAIN'S ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT OWASSO JUNE 24 TO JULY 4, INCLUSIVE.

Corunna Methodists are discussing the question of building a new church edifice.

The Owosso Baptist church, located half a mile south of Owosso, will be opened May 1.

There were 3,133 deaths in Michigan in March, the rate being 15.4 per 1,000 population.

The grocery business of Davis & Seabolt of Ann Arbor has been sold to Hinesy & Seabolt.

The City Savings Bank of Mt. Clemens, capital \$50,000, has filed articles with the Secretary of State.

The building of the Sanitas Nut Food Co. at Battle Creek burned. Loss \$11,000, insurance \$4,000.

Lucy Hale, aged 16 years, of Marion township, was killed by a window falling and breaking her neck.

Lapeer is trying to induce the Armstrong Manufacturing Co. of Flint to move its factory to Lapeer.

The Bay Cities Consolidated Street Railway Co. will build a \$50,000 power house this spring at Bay City.

The combination formed at Kalamazoo to raise the price of ice cream sold to cents a glass has been broken.

The Michigan Trust Co. of Grand Rapids has acquired a controlling interest in the Peninsula Trust Co. of that city.

The coal mines at Corunna may close down owing to the increased cost of production, which consumers refuse to share.

Maude McQuere, the 9-year-old daughter of Ed. McQuere of Maple City, died from the effects of poison from canned tomatoes.

The Puritan Corset Co. has begun operations at Kalamazoo. It will turn out a dozen corsets per day and will give employment to fifty hands.

Orpha L. Taylor of Hillsdale, a well-known singer, has been granted a divorce from her husband, and has assumed her maiden name, Orpha L. Kline.

Maple Rapids will endeavor to raise \$25,000 to secure the location in that village of the power house of the proposed Lansing-St. Louis electric railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beach of Berrien Springs have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The couple have lived in Berrien County for forty